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Applicant: John E. BOYNTON et al. Conf.: 2008
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For: METHODS OF CONFERRING PPO-INHIBITING HERBICIDE
RESISTANCE TO PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 14, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 14, 2001, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to January 14, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

Sub E 1. (Amended) A method of conferring resistance to protoporphyrinogen oxidase-inhibiting herbicides upon plants or plant cells, comprising introducing a DNA fragment or a plasmid containing the DNA fragment into plants or plant cells or algal cells, wherein said DNA fragment is expressed and has the following characteristics: